

COAST HAPPENINGS MIRRORED HERE

BRIEF OUTLINE OF CURRENT EVENTS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings Covering Events of Interest From Nearby Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

To Regulate Trains

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 20.—The state board of health has requested the state railroad commission to issue an order prohibiting railroads from using wooden cars between steel cars.

Lemons in Blizzard

RIALTO, Jan. 20.—After a search of twelve days, two cars of lemons shipped from here and lost in a blizzard between Salt Lake and Denver have been found in a frozen condition. The railroads must pay the damage.

More Funds for Laborers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—With the fund for the unemployed beyond the \$18,000 mark and growing steadily an army of 1450 men was enabled to report for work at the Presidio, city parks, relief home and on the marine hospital boulevard.

310,000 to Register

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—There will be more than 310,000 names on the great register this year, according to an estimate of County Registrar McAleer. Figures show the total 1913 registration to be 286,821. Of this number 182,410 were city.

To See Eclipse in Europe

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Lick observatory, affiliated with the University of California, will send several members of its staff to Europe this year to observe a total eclipse of the sun which will be visible in the old world the afternoon of August 20, 1914.

Steamer Queen Runs Aground

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 20.—The steamer Queen of the Pacific Coast Navigation company will be out of service for a month because of injuries sustained when she ran aground near Fort Rosecrans Sunday. Released from the shoals, she returned to her dock and her 156 passengers were sent north by train.

Rock Pile for Unemployed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—The city is going to establish a rock pile in the southern part of the city, and all of the unemployed now about town begging are to be ordered to go to work or to the rock pile. Both the city and county are in need of rock for road work, while many men claim to be in need of food and unable to get work.

Pest Not Mealy Bug

ONTARIO, Jan. 20.—Ontario ranchers, after spending thousands of dollars to eradicate an alleged tree pest, in some cases thus killing the entire citrus orchards, have learned that it is not the dreaded mealy bug. This report is the result of an inspection made by E. O. Essig, secretary of the state horticultural commission, who has been here for a week investigating the pest.

Disdains Rabies Cure for Bite

REDLANDS, Jan. 20.—Dr. R. Lindsay Tritton, veterinarian, who was bitten by a French poodle that caused a mad dog scare here before the animal died, contends the dog died of pneumonia and disdains Pasteur treatment. Miss Emma Johnson, who was bitten by the same poodle ten days ago, began taking serum treatment, making six persons who are undergoing it.

Youthful Slayer is Sentenced

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 20.—Tom Green, the 22-year-old bandit who robbed the bank at Blythe, must pay the death penalty for the slaying of William A. Bowles, cashier. This was Judge Denmore's decision. The sentence followed an all-day hearing in which Green and his companion, Paul Case, aged 23 years, told a new story of their crime of December 2. Case received a sentence of life for his part in the robbery. The case marks the first Judge Denmore has ever been called upon to determine with regard to imposing a first degree murder penalty.

BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR BIG AUTO RACE

SANTA MONICA, Jan. 20.—Superintendent of Streets G. Carter of Santa Monica put men to work getting the Santa Monica race course in readiness for the Vanderbilt cup and Grand Prix races to be held here February 21 and 23. The entire course is to be "ironed out."

The city will erect at once the grandstand, which is to be portable, in the park at the foot of Wilshire boulevard.

Mayor Dudley has announced that the motorcycle race advertised for March will not be held.

FRUIT HALF LEMON AND HALF ORANGE

VISALIA, Jan. 20.—A freak citrus growth in Visalia will be with the exhibition exhibits next year. It was donated to the board of trade by J. G. Roemer and was picked from his orange tree on South Church street. The freak represents a full-sized orange of which one-third of the outer skin is that of a lemon and the other two-thirds of the skin that of a perfect orange. What the fruit is is not determined, since it has not been cut. Mr. Roemer found the freak growth upon one of his orange trees and immediately offered it to the county board.

NAME COMMISSION FOR CANAL OPENING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A complete "peace plan" for the canal zone has been formulated by the secretary of war as a solution of factional differences now existing on the isthmus. It is understood this program received the approval of the president today during a conference which the secretary of war had with him.

The services of Colonel W. L. Shilbert, who constructed the Gatun locks; Colonels H. L. Hodges and H. R. Rousseau, in charge of operations at Culebra, and Colonel W. W. Gorgas, in charge of sanitation, are to be recognized by their being appointed members of the commission which has charge of the canal opening in January, 1915.

Richard L. Metcalfe, the present civil commissioner for the canal zone, is to be chairman of this commission. This board will be empowered to make the formal opening of the canal a most elaborate international ceremony. Congress has already invited foreign nations to send battleships to participate in it. Colonel Goethals will not be a member of this board, but engineer officers who assisted in the construction of the canal will be named on this commission in recognition of their services.

TO DROP 100-POUND BOMB ON ISLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—One hundred pounds of nitro glycerine, the highest explosive known to military men, will be hurled from a United States army aeroplane a mile above North Island at San Diego by use of a bomb throwing device invented by Lieutenant Riley E. Scott. The biplane will be piloted by Lieutenant Davis. The explosive will be discharged by Lieutenant Scott.

PLAN FIGHT ON U. S. LAKES TO SEA CANAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—New York will fight the proposed federal government "lakes to sea canal" as a menace to the \$101,000,000 state waterway if Engineer Thomas W. Symonds' advice is accepted. Symonds who has served on the barge canal advisory board for years, said: "It would be a menace to the state barge canal and against our Atlantic ports."

VOLCANO AGAIN BELCHES DEATH

JAPANESE MOUNTAIN POURS FORTH LAVA AND ASHES

Natives Flee Kagoshima—Half of Twenty Thousand Population Accounted for at Present Time

NAGASAKI, Jan. 19.—Sakurajima, which was quiescent yesterday, was in eruption again today, belching forth large quantities of lava and ashes. It is not known whether today's eruption was attended by any catastrophe. The eruption began during the night and continued throughout the day. According to Professor Omori, the seismologist commissioned by the government to investigate the Sakurajima eruption and attendant earthquakes, about one-half of the 20,000 inhabitants of the island have been positively accounted for, and it is possible that most of the missing may have reached places of safety on the mainland.

All but a small section of the island was covered by lava, rocks and ashes from the crater.

Kagoshima has been without lights since the first eruption, and the heavy fall of ashes and cinders which accompanied the eruption and attendant tremors last night and today caused widespread terror. The dust was so thick that persons moving about the city had to keep handkerchiefs over their mouths and noses to avoid suffocation.

There seemed to be some sort of submarine disturbance in connection with the eruption. The waters of the gulf threw off clouds of steam as if boiling. This may have been caused in part by the flow of red-hot lava into the gulf from the craters.

Professor Omori and Professor Okuda, the noted geologist, after investigating the recent eruption, have come to the conclusion that the volcanoes of the Kiuashiu range have entered one of their periods of activity which recur approximately every sixty-six years, therefore further eruptions may be expected.

Prof. Omori says the eruption has wrought a wonderful topographical change on the island of Sakurajima. Valleys have been filled with volcanic debris, and rocks and other matter thrown into the bay have formed a cape extending almost to Osumi.

Four hundred houses in the village of Yokohama, on the island, have been buried, and nothing is known of the fate of the inhabitants. Many women on the island have been driven insane by their terrible experience.

\$9,000 DEFICIENCY AT SOLDIERS' HOME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The high cost of living, added to the better standards following the congressional investigation of last year, has caused a deficiency of some \$9,000 in last year's appropriation for subsistence at the Santa Monica Soldiers' Home. Secretary of War Garrison sent a request to congress for an appropriation to cover the deficiency.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ORIENTAL CITY

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 20.—The Foss Designing and Building company has been awarded a contract at about \$150,000 for the construction complete of a group of exhibition buildings at the San Diego fair to be known as the Oriental City. The Panama Oriental company of San Diego is the owner. The principal features of the group will be an Oriental and European cafe, an Algerian theater, and a large Hindu temple two stories high, with massive dome. Work is to begin February 1. Architect Frederick Heinlein of Los Angeles drew the plans.

COUNTY AIMS TO CARRY OWN INSURANCE RISKS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES NOT ASK STATE TO INSURE IT'S PAY ROLL—MANY AMBIGUITIES FOUND IN LIABILITY LAW

Express Desire to Comply With Measure if Point is Reached Where They Can Understand It—Will Open Museum in Los Angeles to Teach Ways and Means of Preventing or Reducing Accidents

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—While the city administration is up to its ears struggling with the provisions of the law known as the workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act, the officers who direct the destinies of the Los Angeles county government are deep in the throes of the intricacies and inconsistencies of the new measure.

County Counsel Hill has spotted so many ambiguities in the law that he hasn't yet made up his mind that it is a really serious document, while the board of supervisors are anxious to assert their independence of the state administration, if only they can see an unbroken line along which to proceed.

A study of the law showed county officers that not only must every employe on the county pay roll be insured by the county, but every elective officer as well.

Getting down to Los Angeles county, there is a pay roll containing something like 3,000 officers and employes, and in addition to that there are 4,500 teachers and school employes throughout the county. The county pay roll, exclusive of the educational forces, amounts to \$1,000,000 a year, and the county no doubt will have to spend about \$75,000 annually in premiums to carry all the public servants, indemnifying them against injury or death.

The board of supervisors has expressed a desire to comply with the law, if the point can be reached where it is understandable. They are anxious to carry the county pay roll without even giving the insurance fund a chance to carry the burden. Inasmuch as the city council heard Chairman A. J. Pillsbury of the state industrial accident commission explain the law without elucidating it in any appreciable particular, the county officers feel inclined to struggle along without advice.

County Counsel Hill was busier than a one-armed bill poster in a gale trying to solve the puzzle hidden in section 46 of the law, which requires cities and towns and counties to insure their employes, and then explaining that the premiums to be paid shall be extracted from the "general fund of each political subdivision in the state."

CHINA TO ADOPT THE METRIC SYSTEM

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Chinese official experts are now in Europe, studying the decimal or metric system with a view to its adoption in China, where the advisory council in Peking has recently passed the first reading of a law which aims at establishing it. Japan has already adopted the metric system for its customs, and has it taught in schools and elsewhere. Siam, too, is about to do the same. The Russian minister of commerce and industry has announced that he is in favor of it, but owing to the huge size and vast and various population of Russia, some delay must occur before its establishment can be arranged. It looks as if in the end John Bull would be left alone with his twelve inches make a foot, three feet make a yard, and all the rest of it. But it is curious that one leading argument against the British adoption of the metric system has been the possible prejudicial effect on the Eastern trade of England, owing to the popularity of the yard measure and the pound sterling.

BIG "G" ON ENVELOPE REACHES "MATTY" O. K.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—A large figure "G" and a postmark "try Los Angeles, Cal." was the only address on a letter delivered to the intended recipient, Christy (Big Six) Mathewson, New York star pitcher, who is passing the winter here.

The letter was mailed in Chicago, January 8, by a baseball fan, G. Irvin, in an attempt to stump Uncle Sam's postal workers.

TURKEY TO STAND OUT FOR TWO LARGE ISLANDS

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The London Chronicle's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that Turkey has declared to the powers she would absolutely resist the view that the islands of Chios and Mytilene shall remain in the possession of Greece, and threatens war unless Greece evacuates the islands.

Turkey intends to attack Greece by land, it is stated, and Bulgaria will not resist the Turkish troops' passage through Macedonia.

FAMOUS CATHEDRAL SWEEP BY FLAMES

MONTREAL, Jan. 20.—The historic Notre Dame cathedral took fire from flames starting in the business district. The fire spread rapidly and swept through the cathedral.

This came as a result of the second disastrous fire since midnight, which swept the plants of Frothingham and Workman, importers of explosives, and Mayer & Son, mustard manufacturers. The damage reached \$250,000.

HE DIES FROM EATING TOO MUCH HARDWARE

MERIDEN, Miss., Jan. 20.—Nearly four pounds of junk, including 375 pieces of metal, pins, buttons, bolts, taps, rock, glass and other articles were removed from the stomach of a patient at the East Mississippi insane hospital by Meriden surgeons. The man died from overindulgence in his strange diet.

U. S. OPENS 100,000 ACRES IN FOREST

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—More than 100,000 acres of government land, formerly a part of the Angeles national forest, which was included in President Wilson's first withdrawal of May 27, 1913, was restored to the public domain and is now open to settlement.

Applications for entry, however, cannot be made until Feb. 16. Thinking the lands would be subject to entry when the restoration order became effective at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, a score of persons were in line in the corridor of the Federal building before the doors of the land office were opened. They were sent away disappointed.

The land, which comprises 152 sections, skirts the northern boundary of the national forest. It lies to the east of the San Bernardino range of mountains and extends into the Mojave desert. It is extremely arid.

The proclamation of President Wilson last May provided for the elimination of the land from the national forest for the purpose of classification. Later it was pronounced agricultural in character and an order was made restoring it to settlement.

Those who settle upon this tract between now and February 16, when it will be subject to entry, will have preference rights at the time they make application.

FRANCE OFFERS PUBLIC STATE RAILWAY BONDS

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Public subscription is to be opened on January 31 for \$40,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds, forming part of an issue of \$50,000,000 guaranteed by the French government for the improvement of the Western State railroad system.

GREAT LAKES WATER IS CONDEMNED BY EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Not a single municipality using water from the Great Lakes or connecting rivers possesses a water supply that is safe, according to a report by sanitary experts to the international joint commission appointed under the treaty of 1909 between this country and Great Britain to determine the extent of pollution of boundary waters between the United States and Canada.

URGE CUT IN STUDY COURSE

COUNTY BOARD WILL ASK FOR SIMPLIFICATION

Declare Impractical Arithmetic and Too Much Literature Is Taught —Would Drop Compulsory Studies.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Declaring that too many subjects are now required by the county board of education in its course of study, that some subjects are unnecessary, and that things impractical are being taught, supervisors of schools in Los Angeles county, at the State Normal school, asserted that the county course of study should be simplified.

Too much impractical arithmetic, an amount of literature impossible for children to read, and failure to give sufficient amount of time to teach geography satisfactorily were the general criticisms made.

Some years ago the county course of study was cluttered with a number of unnecessary subjects.

These were eliminated. Now all these subjects have been returned—and with them many more.

"It is not the fault of the county board of education. We have at present the most efficient county board we have ever had. But they have had to insert many new subjects because of the growing demand for them. It is for us to ask for a simplification and that the course of studies be issued by July 1."

George C. Bush, member of the county board of education, declared it is in the judgment of the teachers to eliminate in their teachings those parts of subjects which they find are not as necessary as others.

"Two years ago," he said, "I thought that if I could only lay my hands on the course of study for a short time I would certainly make many changes. When one feels the responsibility of the county board upon him, however, he is inclined to be more conservative and to make the course with a measuring eye."

"Because certain books are provided does not mean that the teachers have to read through those books thoroughly. They can eliminate portions, judging which parts are the most important."

These are indirect problems in fractions, manipulation of fractions requiring denominations higher than 16, obsolete tables and units of measure, cube root, true discount, partial payments, indirect problems in interest, foreign exchange, metric system, vocational arithmetic.

Supervisors who spoke favored the elimination of compulsory music, compulsory drawing and compulsory agriculture for girls and boys.

\$25,000,000 FOR U. S. ROAD IMPROVEMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The roads committee of the house voted to report a compromise bill appropriating \$25,000,000 for improvement of rural highways.

UNsinkable BOAT. GOAL OF FIFTEEN YEARS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—After 15 years of labor and experimenting Henry Waltz of Escondido has perfected plans for an absolutely unsinkable boat.

The model has been tested in San Diego harbor and Waltz bears references from officials and engineers at San Diego testifying to the absolute impossibility of sinking any ship built according to his plans.

Waltz, who does all his work at Escondido, is awaiting the arrival of patent papers before going on with developments.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

CLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF BOTH HEMISPHERES

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary Details and Presented in Brief

Sarah Gets Decoration.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The decoration of the Legion of Honor was conferred upon Sarah Bernhardt.

Halt Paresis.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Paresis can be halted by a serum injected into a patient's veins, is the claim of Dr. H. S. Ogilvie and Dr. George Draper, prominent New York physicians.

Banks Accept New Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—According to the treasury department 1625 national banks, including banks in every state in the Union, have sent to the department certified copies of resolutions adopted by boards of directors accepting the provisions of the federal reserve act.

Raise Limit on Postoffice Deposits

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Deposit limit in the postoffice savings banks may soon be raised to \$1000 instead of \$500, the present limit. Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery has a plan in view to bring about this reform and increase the postoffice savings bank deposits \$75,000,000.

Col. Goethals to Be Governor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Colonel Goethals is to be permanent governor of the Panama canal zone. This was learned from high authority. He won the fight to keep the canal out of politics and will have almost autocratic power in the appointment of 2500 men who compose the operating force. He is to be given this power because of the clumsiness and unwieldiness which would follow if the same power was vested in a commission.

Build Motor Car in Eleven Minutes

LONDON, Jan. 19.—An automobile was built in eleven minutes and put on the road in nineteen minutes at the Ford motor works at Trafford Park. This beats by six minutes the record made at the Ford factory at Detroit.

In seven minutes the chassis was on the ground, complete in every detail. Four minutes afterward the body was in place and all ready for the road. Some one forgot to pack the induction pipe and eight minutes were lost in remedying the fault.

Find Safe of Nell Gwynne

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A tiny, brass-fronted safe which, when opened, proved to contain treasure trove or something concerning Nell Gwynne was discovered within 100 yards of Trafalgar Square today. It will be some days yet possibly before the safe can be opened without damage.

It is now located in a small cupboard-like compartment of the wall on the ground floor of No. 2 Craig Court, one of the residences of Nell Gwynne during the reign of the "Merry Monarch."

Martial Law in Transvaal

PRETORIA, Transvaal, Jan. 19.—Martial law was proclaimed in the Transvaal Orange Free State as a result of the railroad strike. Soldiers will be placed on all trains and a general resumption of traffic will be attempted tomorrow. Authorities have ordered the troops to shoot all persons attempting to dynamite trains.

Dispatches from Cape Town say that the labor situation is apparently brighter in South Africa because the natives are overworked. Natal and Pietermaritzburg workers voted against and Ladysmith employes for a general strike.

Act Shatters Militancy

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Daily Mail says that official figures show that the "cat and mouse" act, under which militant suffragettes who start a hunger strike in jail are released, only to be again arrested when their health is restored, has broken up militancy.

It says that only 46 militants have been arrested in the nine months since enactment of the law, while 240 were sent to jail previously. Only two are now in prison. Six completed their sentences or paid the alternative fine. Two were discharged on giving a pledge. Thirty-seven fled the country while out of jail under ticket of leave.

ANNOUNCE DATES FOR STATE JOB TESTS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—In order that the applicants for civil service positions may have an opportunity to prepare for examination, President Charles Wesley Reed of the state civil service commission, has issued a notice containing dates of examinations. Information concerning the applications and general data can be obtained by communicating with the state civil service at Sacramento.

Sixteen examinations will be held during the coming three months. The dates of application and examination are: engineering assistant, Jan. 5 and 10; engineering draftsman, Jan. 12 and 16; electrical engineers, Jan. 19 and 23; accountants, Jan. 19 and 24; mechanical engineering draftsman, Jan. 19 and 23; architectural draftsman, Jan. 26 and 31; attendant examination at Ukiah, Feb. 5; stenographers and typists, Feb. 2 and 7; attendant examination at Patton, Feb. 10; drugists and laborers, Feb. 9 and 14; clerical assistants and corporation tax experts, Feb. 16 and 21; switchmen, Feb. 23 and 28; trained nurse and hydro operators, March 2 and 8; carpenters, March 14; deputy fish and game patrolers, March 26 and 21; farm help, March 28.